

## ABSTRACT

The invention provides novel polynucleotides and polypeptides encoded by such  
5 polynucleotides and mutants or variants thereof that correspond to a novel human  
secreted metallocarboxypeptidase-like polypeptide. These polynucleotides comprise  
nucleic acid sequences isolated from cDNA library from small intestine (Hyseq clone  
identification numbers 11732488 (SEQ ID NO: 1)). Other aspects of the invention  
include vectors containing processes for producing novel human secreted  
10 metallocarboxypeptidase-like polypeptides, and antibodies specific for such  
polypeptides.